IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

for the Western District of New York

MARCH 2024 GRAND JURY (Impaneled March 22, 2024)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDICTMENT

-vs-

Violations:

LUIS MAUAFREWINY AVILES MATIAS, a/k/a JUAN PEREZ CHAVEZ, a/k/a LEIVER ARTUR PONCE LEON

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 911 and 1028(a)(4) (2 Counts)

COUNT 1

(False Claim of United States Citizenship)

The Grand Jury Charges That:

On or about November 12, 2024, in the Western District of New York, the defendant, LUIS MAUAFREWINY AVILES MATIAS, a/k/a JUAN PEREZ CHAVEZ, a/k/a LEIVER ARTUR PONCE LEON, a citizen and national of Ecuador and therefore an alien in the United States, falsely and willfully represented himself to be a citizen of the United States to a Customs and Border Protection Officer while attempting to enter the United States at the Peace Bridge Point of Entry.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 911.

COUNT 2

(Possession of Identification Document with Intent to Use to Defraud the United States)

The Grand Jury Further Charges That:

On or about November 12, 2024, in the Western District of New York, the defendant, LUIS MAUAFREWINY AVILES MATIAS, a/k/a JUAN PEREZ CHAVEZ, a/k/a LEIVER ARTUR PONCE LEON, did knowingly possess an identification document not issued lawfully for the use of the defendant and a false identification document, to wit, a Puerto Rican driver's license issued in a fictitious identity, with the intent such document be used to defraud the United States.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(a)(4).

DATED: Buffalo, New York, January 30, 2025.

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A TRUE BILL:

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